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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - CONSTANTINOS ANASTASIOU SYNGRASSIDES

REF: STATE 83142

1. WE HAVE CONVEYED THE REQUEST FOR ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION OF SYNGRASSIDES' TRAVEL PLANS TO THE CHIEF OF THE CRIMINAL POLICE, WHO PROMISES FULL COOPERATION. HE NOTES THAT IT IS, OF COURSE, VERY EASY TO LEAVE NORWAY WITHOUT THE POLICE BEING AWARE OF IT.

2. THE POLICE HAVE CONSIDERED TRYING TO DEPORT SYNGRASSIDES BUT HAVE NOT FOUND ADEQUATE GROUNDS YET. THEY ASSUME MEANWHILE THAT HE WILL REMAIN HERE AT LEAST LONG ENOUGH TO COLLECT COMPENSATION. THE NORWEGIAN EXTRADITION STATUTE PROVIDES THAT AFTER RELEASE BECAUSE OF A FINAL RULING THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL ACCESS TO EXTRADITION, " THE APPREHENDED PERSON SHALL ON DEMAND BE GRANTED COMPENSATION OUT OF THE TREASURY FOR THE HARM SUFFERED BY DETENTION IN CUSTODY" (ACT OF 13 JUNE 1908, SEC 18). SENSATIONALIST PRESS STORIES ARE CLAIMING THAT SYNGRASSIDES WILL DEMAND ASTRONOMICAL DAMAGES. A SIX- COLUMN DAGBLADET HEADLINE SAYS HE LOST " MILLIONS" WHILE IN JAIL, AND THE STORY SAYS HE WILL CLAIM 20 MILLION KRONER (DOLS 3.7 MILLION) THAT HE ALLEGEDLY LOST BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO COMPLETE THE DEALS WHICH HAD BROUGHT HIM TO NORWAY. THE CHIEF OF CRIMINAL POLICE CONSIDERS A

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CLAIM OF THAT MAGNITUDE ABSURD, BUT HE IS UNABLE TO PREDICT
HOW REASONABLE THE COURT WILL BE IN ADJUDGING COMPENSATION.

3. FOR CONTINGENCY USE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPART-
MENT' S ADVISING US OF THE US VIEW ON THE RELEVANCE OF ARTICLE XI
OF THE TREATY (OBLIGING THE US TO PAY THE COSTS INCIDENT TO
THE EXTRADITION REQUEST) TO ANY COMPENSATION SYNGRASSIDES MAY
RECEIVE FROM NORWAY FOR DAMAGES.
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